
Subject: Re: 2 variables on same plot?

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2001 10:44:35 GMT

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Cathy Smith wrote:

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> different ranges. I believe I am supposed to use AXIS but I can't seem
> to get the 2nd plot to be scaled correctly.
>
> xt=indgen(365)
> plot,xt(0:90),omega(0:90),xstyle=8,ystyle=8
> axis,yrange=,ystyle=1,/save,yaxis=1,xaxis=0
> oplot,xt(0:90),prate(0:90),linestyle=2
>
> The 2nd y axis has values from 0 to 10 and the data ranges from 0 to 10
> but it is plotted from 0 to .001 or something like that.
>
> thanks
> Cathy Smith
>
> --
> "A round of victory lattes for everyone!!!!"
>
> #####
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Can't see anything wrong with your code (except for using () instead of [] for array indexing). The procedure below does what it should, I think. Try a statement like

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print, min(prate(0:90),max=mm),mm
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to see what your data range is really like.

In the future: please post code examples that work by cut&paste - the easier it is for people to try out your code, the more likely will you get an answer.

Cheers,

Martin

PRO second_axis

```
;; create dummy data
xt=indgen(365)
omega = sin(!DTOR*xt)
prate = 10.*cos(4.*!DTOR*xt)*cos(4.*!DTOR*xt)*exp(-xt/100.)

;; plot
plot,xt,omega,xstyle=8,ystyle=8
axis,yrange=,ystyle=1,/save,yaxis=1,xaxis=0
oplot,xt[0:90],prate[0:90],linestyle=2
```

END

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Subject: Re: 2 variables on same plot?

Posted by [colinr](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2001 12:39:49 GMT

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On Wed, 25 Apr 2001 16:07:20 -0600,
Cathy Smith <cas@cdc.noaa.gov> wrote:

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> Cathy Smith

Here's a routine I use to do this sort of thing. Sorry it's not documented and I haven't used it for a while so I can't remember exactly what it does but try something like

```
IDL> plot_scales,[1,2,3,4],[1,7,6,5],[12,3,4,7]*1.d-8,ystyles_l=1,ystyles_r=2
```

You can also pass labels to all four axes and make multiple plots on each axis.

```
pro plot_scales,x,y_l,y_r,ytitle_l=ytitle_l,ytitle_r=ytitle_r,$
    xscale_top=xscale_top,xtitle_b=xtitle_b,xtitle_top=xtitle_top,$
    ystyles_l=ystyles_l,ystyles_r=ystyles_r,xrange=xrange,_extra =e
;
save_environment
;
size_l=size(y_l)
size_r=size(y_r)
if size_l(0) eq 1 then begin
    n_l=1
    y_l=transpose(y_l)
endif
if size_l(0) eq 2 then n_l=size_l(1)
if size_r(0) eq 1 then begin
    n_r=1
    y_r=transpose(y_r)
endif
if size_r(0) eq 2 then n_r=size_r(1)
;
n_l_2=n_elements(ystyles_l)
n_r_2=n_elements(ystyles_r)
;
; Make initial plot
;
pmulti_old=!p.multi
nm=pmulti_old(0)
if n_l_2 ne 0 then !p.linestyle=ystyles_l(0)
if n_elements(ytitle_l) ne 0 then !y.title=ytitle_l
if n_elements(xtitle_b) ne 0 then !x.title=xtitle_b
if n_elements(xrange) ne 0 then !x.range=xrange
if n_elements(xscale_top) eq 0 then begin
    !x.margin=[10,6]
    !y.margin=[4,4]
```

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    plot,x,y_l(0,*),ystyle=8,_extra=e
endif else begin
    !x.margin=[8,8]
    !y.margin=[4,4]
    plot,x,y_l(0,*),ymargin=[4,4],xmargin=[8,8],ystyle=8,xstyle= 8,_extra=e
    xrange_top=xscale_top*!x.crange
    if n_elements(xtitle_top) ne 0 then !x.title=xtitle_top
    axis,xaxis=1,xrange=xrange_top
endelse
;
; plot remaining left-axis plots
;
if n_l gt 1 then for jj=2,n_l do begin
    if n_l_2 ne 0 then !p.linestyle=ystyles_l(jj-1)
    oplot,x,y_l(jj-1,*)
endfor
;
; plot first right-axis plot
;
!p.multi=pmulti_old
if nm eq 0 then !p.multi(0)=pmulti_old(1)*pmulti_old(2)
if !p.multi(0) eq 0 then !p.multi(0)=1
if n_r_2 ne 0 then !p.linestyle=ystyles_r(0)
plot,x,y_r(0,*),xstyle=4,ystyle=4,_extra=e
if n_elements(ytitle_r) ne 0 then !y.title=ytitle_r
axis,yaxis=1,yrange=!y.crange,ystyle=1,_extra=e
;
; do remaining right hand plots
;
if n_r gt 1 then for jj=2,n_r do begin
    if n_r_2 ne 0 then !p.linestyle=ystyles_r(jj-1)
    oplot,x,y_r(jj-1,*)
endfor
end
end

--

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Posted by [Cathy Smith](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2001 15:25:03 GMT
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thanks. I'll make sure the code I post will actually work in the future.
It turns out it did work as written (and I had deleted the print max
statement statement). However, I had to leave idl and come back in
again.

I'm not quite sure why but I guess I should always try that first.

Cathy S.
